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Attendance

Vice Chair Tom Bates convened the meeting at 9:35 a.m. In addition to Vice Chair Bates, the following Committee members were in attendance: David Campos, Federal Glover, Adrienne Tissier, and Scott Wiener.

Also present were Ex-Officio voting members BATA Chair Amy Rein Worth and BATA Vice Chair Dave Cortese who were appointed at the beginning of the meeting as voting members in order for a quorum be present.

Other BATA Commissioners in attendance as ad hoc non-voting members included: Jason Baker, Dorene Giacopini, Scott Haggerty, Anne Halsted, Mark Luce, Jake Mackenzie, and Jim Sperring.

Consent Calendar

Upon the motion of Commissioner Tissier and the second of Commissioner Rein Worth, the Committee unanimously approved the following consent items:

- Minutes of the November 12, 2014 meeting
- BATA Financial Statements– October 2014

Memorandum of Understanding between Illuminate the Arts, Department of Transportation (Caltrans), and BATA for the Bay Lights Project

Andrew Fremier, Deputy Executive Director, requested the Committee authorize the Executive Director or his designee to negotiate and enter into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) amongst Illuminate the Arts (ITA), the non-profit corporation sponsoring the Bay Lights Project, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), and BATA to make the Bay Lights Project a permanent display on the west span of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge (Bay Bridge). ITA plans to have the lights installed and operational by the Super Bowl in 2016. ITA would be responsible for the design and installation of the lights. After installation, Caltrans would assume ownership of the lights, including operations and maintenance, while BATA would be responsible for reimbursing Caltrans for its costs. The estimated cost to operate and maintain the lights is \$250,000 per year.

Ben Davis, Chief Executive Officer, for Illuminate the Arts, provided public comment on the status of the project, fundraising, and his support of the MOU.

Roland LeBron provided public comment stating that BATA should seek private funding to finance the Bay Lights Project.

Commissioners Wiener, Rein Worth, Halsted, and Campos noted their strong support of the Bay Lights Project and the MOU to make the lights permanent and mentioned their immense popularity. Commissioner Bates asked how much private money was needed to be raised to reinstall the Bay Lights Project. Mr. Fremier replied that the estimate is \$4 million and that some funds were already raised.

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Commissioner Cortese asked about energy conservation and whether alternative energy sources were being explored. Mr. Fremier said BATA is working with Caltrans to make lighting on the bridge more efficient overall. For example, LED lights were used on the new East Span of the Bay Bridge and the Yerba Buena Island tunnel lighting. BATA and Caltrans are looking at all the toll bridges to determine how to upgrade the lights to be more efficient.

Upon the motion of Commissioner Wiener and the second of Commissioner Tissier the Committee unanimously approved authorizing the Executive Director or his designee to negotiate and enter into a memorandum of understanding with Illuminate the Arts and Caltrans to set out potential roles and responsibilities for making the Bay Lights Project a permanent display on the west span of the Bay Bridge.

Other Business/Public Comment/Next Meeting/Adjournment

There being no further business or public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

The next BATA Oversight Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at 101 8th Street, 1st Floor, Lawrence D. Dahms Auditorium, Oakland, CA.